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MEETING LOG

Date of Meeting: February 9, 1996

Location of Meeting: CPSC, East-West Towers, Bethesda, MD

Subject of Meeting: Carbon Monoxide Poisoning and Detectors

Attendees:

Commission:
Sandy Inkster, EH
Tim Johnson, ES
Elizabeth Leland, EC

Non-Commission:
Irwin Billick, Gas Research Institute
James Ranfone, American Gas Association

Log Entry Source: Elizabeth Leland, EC

Summary of Meeting:

Dr. Billick requested a meeting with CPSC staff to discuss the work that the Gas Research Institute (GRI) was undertaking in the area of carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. In addition, Dr. Billick asked to hear about the CO detector-related activities of the Commission, including the CO Detector Public Hearing to be held on February 22-23, 1996.

Dr. Billick informed the staff that GRI was analyzing CPSC and National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) data on CO poisoning deaths in order to try to clarify some discrepancies that GRI believed to be present in the data. He indicated that a draft report would be available from GEOMET, Inc., and he requested that the CPSC staff review and comment on the draft report when it became available.

In addition, Dr. Billick talked about a GRI-funded study on testing protocols for CO detectors. The study still was in process and was being completed by Mosaic Industries, Inc. Again, Dr. Billick offered to share the draft report with CPSC staff for their review and comment.

A third GRI report - "Carbon Monoxide Response Survey Analysis-- Interim Report" was near completion and would, according to Dr. Billick, be shared with CPSC staff.

CPSC staff then described current CPSC activities in the area of CO detectors, including the CO Detector Public Hearing. CPSC described the purpose of the meeting -- to gather scientific, technical, and medical data about CO poisoning and CO detectors -- and the format of the hearing. CPSC staff indicated that information gathered at the hearing would be used to evaluate the UL 2034 standard for residential CO detectors.